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Response Under 37 CFR 1.116  
Expedited Procedure  
Examining Group: 1617

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Alexandre MARTI, Norbert LANGE,  
Matthieu ZELLWEGER, Georges WAGNIERES,  
Hubert VAN DEN BERGH, Patrice JICHLINSKI  
and Pavel KUCERA  
Serial no. : 09/673,871  
Filed : with an effective filing date April 22, 1999  
For : SOLUTION FOR DIAGNOSING OR TREATING  
TISSUE PATHOLOGIES  
Group Art Unit : 1617  
Examiner : Shahnaz J. Sharareh  
Docket : NITROS P146US

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The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

The Applicant hereby petitions for a one (1) month extension of term, attached hereto,  
thereby extending the term for response to and including **April 5, 2003**.

[XXX] A check for the fees indicated below, based upon the Applicant's small entity status, accompanies this response.	
PETITION FOR 1-MONTH EXTENSION OF TERM	\$ 55
TOTAL	\$ 55

In response to the official action mailed December 5, 2002, please enter the following before reconsideration of this application.

**In the Claims:**

Claims 19-35 are pending. Please amend claims 19, 22, 24, 26, 29, 31 and 33 as set forth below. By virtue of the present amendment, claims 19-35 are currently pending and a complete listing of the claims is presented below.

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